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Future of Plymouth arts complex unknown

There is no decision as to the future of the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC) following voters' defeat of a request for .75 mill ballot question last week.

The funding, requested for 20 years, would have allowed for maintenance at the former Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth and provided funds for a performing arts center on the site.

While the millage question was approved by voters in the City of Plymouth by a narrow margin of 2,765 to 2,544 it was defeated by voters in Plymouth Township by a margin of 6,180 votes in favor of the millage and 9,828 against the proposal.

President of PARC Don Soenen said that while he and other supporters do not want to "bail out" of the project, "we have to be realistic."

"This is along journey-I've been involved for 5 years," Soenen said last week. "We're obviously very disappointed. I thought we did a more than adequate job of describing the benefits and consequences if the project fails. Now we have to access what options we have to proceed with some of the project."

Soenen said that the property, more than 16 acres on which the former school building stands along with several athletic fields is in the control of the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan and that entity has the opportunity to control what happens next at the site. It could be sold for development although Soenen said he doubts that the city officials would allow a commercial retail development at the site if that is the decision of the foundation board, "and they have a number of options."

"I don't think you will see a Wal-Mart," he said in an earlier interview before the vote.

He said he still strongly believes in the viability of the plan for the performing arts auditorium and the other plans for use of the building. Tenant occupancy is currently at 85 percent, he said.

"There have been independent studies, and backing by the Chamber of Commerce all saying it was viable," he said.

Soenen said that he does not expect voters to be asked to approve the millage again.

Mark Malcolm, who spent $3.25 million to purchase the

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Never forget

Veteran's Haven continues support for those who served

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Judy Berna and other volunteers at Veteran's Haven in Wayne are glad to reach out to returning veterans.

"Because we care and our veterans need us," she said from the building at 4924 S. Wayne Road, south of Annapolis in Wayne. "They do everything to keep us alive. It's the least we can do."

Veteran's Haven is marking its 25th year, and has been at the site since 2000. Berna's husband, Vince, a combat veteran who served in Vietnam, is the founder and president of the group.

"My husband was forced to retire early. He was a millwright in the building industries," she said. A car crash put Vince Berna into grocery delivery work.

"It took him into the inner city a lot. He'd stop and talk to them," she said of the many homeless veterans Berna saw. "Him being a veteran, it became his dream to start Veteran's Haven."

She was employed by a bank "and working here when I wasn't at the bank. This building sat vacant five years. We literally had to cut our way through the jungle. The trees were covering the parking lot."

At that time, the city allowed painting of parking lot yellow stripes on dirt, with money coming in to add the parking lot. The Bernas have found having a building, and 501(d)3 nonprofit status, allays fears about their organization.

"We operate strictly with volunteers and donations. No one gets a paycheck. Everyone does it out of the kindness of their heart," said Judy Berna, married to Vince for 48 years.

Veteran's Haven distributes monthly "Vet Pacs" of meat and canned goods to veterans. Tuesday is their weekly Food Day in collaboration with Gleaners Food Bank; Gleaners boxes fill part of the small back warehouse, along with men's clothing, shoes and boots.

Veteran's Haven hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. The organization can be reached at (734) 728-0527 or email Vice President Jacques Pavlik at vetsjack@yahoo.com to learn more.

The website is www.veteranshaven.org.

Jacques Pavlik and Judy Berna of Veteran's Haven look through photos from the 25-year history of the organization.

The Bernas and other volunteers get Veterans Affairs calls on housing and clothing. Veteran's Haven operates four one-bedroom apartments in collaboration with the City of Westland Section 8 housing, with Judy Berna tipping her hat to city staffer Joanne Campbell and Campbell's predecessor, Jay Gilbert.

"It's always full," Berna said of the apartments. "One goes out, another comes in." Appliances and furniture are provided.

"We need someone to donate us a van. It's in pretty bad condition," she noted of the current vehicle.

Mark Iscaro, a board trustee and Westland tenant, noted veterans getting food park across the street with volunteer help, due to the small parking lot. He and Berna stress they appreciate new socks and underwear, and that clothing donations should be clean and in good shape.

"We get brand new stuff," including from a Northville church," Iscaro said. "Every

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Northville police save life using Narcan

> *Narcan is a live-saving tool for law enforcement because it causes no harm when administered...*

The first day Northville Township Police Ofc. Tony Dang was on patrol with his issued Narcan kit he successfully used it to save the life of a 44-year-old Plymouth resident who overdosed on heroin. Narcan kits were issued to Northville Township Police officers for the first time Nov. 8.

Dang, who was sworn into the Northville Township Police Department only 18 days ago on Oct. 22, was dispatched on a call for assistance in a cardiac arrest on Nov. 9, along with his Field Training Officer Justin Norlock. The pair responded to the call at a location near Six Mile and Haggerty Road where they discovered a man who was not breathing and had no pulse, according to police reports. While Norlock performed CPR, Dang administered a dose of nasal Narcan to the man. Almost immediately following the administration of the Narcan, the man began to labor for breath and his pulse returned. Moments later the man's condition began to degrade again. Dang administered a second dose of nasal Narcan and the patient regained consciousness, revealing that he had snorted heroin, according to official reports. Northville Township Fire Department Paramedics transported the man to the emergency department at St. Mary hospital for further treatment.

Northville Township Police officers now carry Narcan kits to be used to counteract the life-threatening effects of an opioid overdose and all officers been trained to administer Narcan (brand name for Naloxone) nasal spray, an emergency substance that counteracts the effects of an opioid. Training in the use of Naloxone was made possible through a partnership with the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority, which also provided the Narcan kits like the one Dang and Norlock had on hand last week.

Narcan is a live-saving tool for law enforcement because it causes no harm when administered, noted police officials Narcan simply blocks the opioid from the opioid receptors in the brain. The only side effects are those associated with opioid withdrawal if, in fact, the overdose is opioid related. Another law enforcement friendly feature is that Narcan can be administered intranasal with a preloaded dose, rather than use of a syringe, officials said.

Equipping police officers with this life saving drug enables the

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Belleville - Canton

16th Annual Turkey Trot takes off in Canton

Lace up your sneakers and work up an appetite for a good cause Thanksgiving morning by running or walking in Canton Leisure Services 16th Annual Turkey Trot for a Cause beginning at 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 22.

All ages can participate in the fight against epilepsy by taking part in the chip-timed 5K race or one-mile fun run that will benefit the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, an organization dedicated to empowering individuals with seizure disorders. The event main sponsor is Gazelle Sports of Northville which hosts bib pick up, provides awards and supports the event each year. Additional key sponsors include: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan; IHA of Canton; The John and Dawn Savona Family and Conor O'Neills.

This year, the race is set to start at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton and will cover a flat course that winds through Pheasant Run Golf course, goes through Heritage Park and ends back at the Summit.

"Canton's Turkey Trot has become a real tradition for many families, staying healthy and supporting a great cause," said Ann-Marie Carravallah, recreation coordinator. "The 16th annual Turkey Trot for a Cause is set to race this year with the Murray family on board on behalf of their son, Justin. The race was started in 2003 after Justin was diagnosed with epilepsy and his parents, Michael and Terri Murray, wanted to do something to help in the fight against epilepsy. Justin has been seizure free since his brain surgery in 2007 to remove a growth that was causing the seizures. Now in college and playing soccer for the UD Mercy Titans, Justin continues to give back by supporting and volunteering at the Canton Turkey Trot, as well as, volunteering at the foundation office in Southfield. The Turkey Trot has raised over $200,000 during the past 15 years and Canton is proud to host this event."

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Pre-registration is available online at csc.canton-mi.org until midnight Tuesday, Nov. 20. Registration fees are: $25 for the chipped 5K race and $15 for the one-mile fun run.

Participants can pick up shirts and bibs at Gazelle Sports Northville at 39737 Traditions Dr., during regular store hours from Nov. 16-18. Bib/Shirt pick-up will re-open from 3-6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21 in the Summit Banquet and Conference Center, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188.

For event information, including a course map, visit csc.canton-mi.org or call (734) 483-5600.

Incumbent state representative is voters' choice

Despite a highly publicized lawsuit challenging her residency, incumbent Democrat Kristy Pagan was elected to her third term as state representative from the 21st House District.

The lawsuit, which Pagan dismissed as a political ploy, was filed by Canton Township resident Kent Herbert who claims he has documents which demonstrate that Pagan's husband claimed a tax credit on Ann Arbor property as the main residence of the couple. Pagan, through her attorneys, denied those claims and said the house in question was rental property. She claims that both she and her husband reside in a Canton Township apartment.

Both are registered to vote in Canton, according to Township Clerk Michael Siegrist. No hearing on the lawsuit, which demanded that votes for Pagan not be counted, has been scheduled.

Pagan defeated her Republican challenger Darian Moore, also a Canton resident, by a wide margin. Voters in the 21st District which includes all of Canton, Van Buren Township and Belleville showed her 19 points ahead, receiving a total of 28,262 or 59.4 percent of the votes while Moore received 19,295 or 40.6 percent of the votes cast.

Santa's Soup Search fundraiser set in Belleville

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Santa's Soup Search contest during the Winterfest this year.

From 2-6 p.m. Dec. 1 Winterfest visitors will be able to taste 25 soups entered into the contest for $1 each.

The event, organizers said, is much like a chili cook-off and anyone who has a favorite soup that they make can compete in the contest. There will be a panel of five judges who will taste all the soups and award a first, second and third-prize plaque that can be displayed on a wall or in a trophy case. There will also be a People's Choice Award chosen by the public.

No more than 25 contestants will be allowed in the contest and each entrant must provide at least 5 quarts of soup, serving utensils and someone to serve the soup for the duration of the contest. The judges will each test a small cup provided by the chamber of all the soups and then tickets will be sold for $1 each to the public which they can use to buy soup from the contestants.

The chamber will provide the small taste cups and the contestants will be responsible for a larger bowl for the public to use if they opt to purchase a full bowl.

The prices of a full bowl can be determined by the individual contestants. As an example, if the taste bowl can be bought for one ticket, a full bowl might be priced at three tickets. The contestant will receive, at the end of the contest, half of the amount they sell.

The judging will be confidential and no one will know the identity of the cook and scorecards for the judges will be based on six characteristics including texture; flavor; consistency; spice and taste; aroma and color. The decision of the judges will be final.

There will also be a Peoples' Choice ballot box for visitors to score the soup at each stations. Score cards will be collected at the end of the judging and tallied.

There is no entry fee.

The soup must be brought to the site ready-to-eat and cooked in contestants' kitchens. No kitchen will be available at the event, organizers stressed. Contestants will be responsible for supplying all of their utensils and products relating to their soup submission and maintenance of the proper temperature for serving.

For more information, call Paul Henning at (734) 697-7151 or Jeff Vernon at (419)479-8156.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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ROMULUS

Romulus Public Safety millage wins voters' OK

City administrators, firefighters and police officers are thanking Romulus voters for supporting a 4-mill proposal that will support public safety for the next five years.

The Nov. 6 measure was approved by more than 58 percent of Romulus residents who voted in favor of the millage, 5,387 to 3,806. The authorized funding - which can only be spent on the fire and police departments - marked the first time in Romulus history that a city millage proposal was approved by voters.

Prior to the election, Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff called the ballot proposal the most crucial vote in his lifetime, saying "firefighting and police protection are essential services in any community, but especially so in Romulus, as the demand on first responders continues to increase."

> *"This millage will allow us to sustain operational efficiencies and utilize grant funding to open and staff a second fire station.*

Public safety accounts for about two-thirds of the city general fund budget. The additional millage will supplement a budget shortfall caused by a loss in property tax and failure of the state to provide Romulus its share of state revenue sharing (6-percent sales tax) - more than $9 million in the last decade.

"Thank you to the voters of our community that came out in record numbers to participate in our democracy," Burcroff said. "We are grateful for the support of our fire and police millage. While this does not completely counteract the extreme loss of revenue experienced over the last decade, it is crucial for our financial future. We will continue to work on creative solutions and be fiscally responsible. We truly appreciate the public's input and encourage everyone to stay involved moving forward."

City officials - including representatives of the fire and police departments - were consistent with their messaging about the need for the millage for months at council meetings, special meetings and town halls, discussed the issue on cable television and spread the word through social media, newspapers and door-to-door campaigning.

"Romulus firefighters appreciate the support from the community," said Director of Fire Services and Emergency Management Kevin Krause. "This millage will allow us to sustain operational efficiencies and utilize grant funding to open and staff a second fire station."

"Romulus police officers appreciate the public's support on this crucial ballot issue," added Director of Public Safety Jadie Settles.

"We are pleased to continue to provide neighborhood patrols and maintain appropriate staffing to meet the needs of our residents."

Zombies?

Inspirational video shot in Romulus

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Mark and Kathleen Phillips, longtime Romulus residents, put some thinking and effort into their recent "Zombie Walk" filming.

"Some things just work their way through me. I think it's a message coming through. I see myself as an instrument," said Kathleen Phillips, on the eve of their "Zombie Walk" filming on a November day in Romulus.

"I'm the writer," she said, while her husband is the director. Their production company, of Cozy Chair Productions, earlier produced "A Better Place To Go," a music video of people finding their way to deceased loved ones through worship.

"My interpretation of it is religious and it's spiritual," said Phillips, as the cast prepared for street dance filming. "God, love, and nature transform the zombies back into living human beings, kind of like when someone's been overworked," she said of this latest music video.

In "Zombie Walk", a message she shared is to "help a bullied person find inner peace."

On Nov. 1, the crew went to the Detroit Zoo to shoot, meeting a cashier there who has done acting and is a makeup artist. "She worked out great. That just happened," said Phillips of incorporating the zoo staffer into their production.

For "Zombie Walk," singer Ian Griffiths, 25, of Plymouth is front and center. "I sing part of it," she said. "Ian sings the majority of the songs." Other songs by Griffiths are available on Spotify, Apple, and iTunes.

"We hire our crew," Phillips said. "We used the same cameramen again, they have their own company."

"You could see perhaps your own reflection, someone who has been overworked or bullied. I think you try to find ways to deal with it," Phillips said of the theme of Zombie Walk.

She isn't reflecting on a specific Bible verse: "I think it's just something that works with you."

She took guitar lessons and moved on from there, and has recorded at Talent Live Studio in Canton.

"Then we will give everything to our editor. It's better to put it out in January," said Phillips, as that works well with festivals then.

"When you're a small company, you wear a lot of hats," she said of Cozy Chair Productions. She was pleased the rain held off for "Zombie Walk" filming on Sunday, Nov. 4.

Phillips joked, "I don't want zombies to be uncomfortable," noting she'd even mulled one of those "strange days" of winter when shorts can be worn.

Mark and Kathleen are parents of four grown, married children, and have 11 grandchildren. Family starred in "A Better Place To Go,' and their grandson and daughter-in-law took roles for "Zombie Walk."

"A Better Place To Go" is a 2017 production directed by Mark Phillips, and was the first production of the company. It was filmed in the Romulus Wesleyan Church. To view "A Better Place To Go," visit: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=laWeuXeCbw0 or look up Cozy Chair Productions on YouTube or Vimeo. The song is also on Soundcloud.

Extras gather around for a photo during Sunday, Nov. 4, "Zombie Walk" filming in Romulus, produced by Cozy Chair Productions.

Artisan Reserve hosted the Sunday, Nov. 4, event, serving cider, coffee, and doughnuts. Dominique from Colorful Events LLC did the makeup for the cast. Jason George from United Productions was the DJ and lunch was available from Norm's Catering.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton will be holding a **Public Hearing regarding the adoption of the 2019 Budget** on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 Canton Center Rd. S., Canton, MI. A copy of the 2019 Budget will be available for public inspection at the Township's Clerk's office.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered an opportunity at said hearing to voice any comments they may have regarding this request. Written comments may also be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188 prior to the hearing date.

Michael A. Siegrist,
Canton Clerk

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CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, December 5, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 5, 2018** at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road to consider the following petitions:

1. BZA-2018-016; **Thomas Maycock** requesting a variance, in accordance with *Section 20.05(c), Residential Uses in a Non-residential District, from Section 3.05(a)(2) Fences* of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a fence in the front yard. Fences on nonconforming residential properties are not permitted in the front yard. The subject property is zoned M-1, Light Industrial and located at 28498 Eureka (Parcel ID #80-099-99-0011-001).

2. BZA-2018-017; **Tamara Burke** requesting a variance from *Section 3.05(a)(2) Fences* of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a fence in the front yard. Fences are not permitted in the front yard in the R-1A, Single-family Residential District. The subject property is located at 15840 Anthony (Parcel ID #80-140-02-0083-000).

3. BZA-2018-018; **Rino Soave, Infinity Homes** requesting an appeal of an administrative decision made by the Director of Public Services in accordance with *Section 22.03(b), Appeals of Administrative Decisions.* The applicant is alleging that an error was made with regard to the brick facade requirements for 34 proposed single-family homes and has requested an interpretation of *Section 11.01(a)(6)d.* and e. The subject properties include Lots 57-58, 93-94, 103-104, 106, 113-114, 117, 119-122, 127-128, 130, 134-135, 139-140, 142, 147-149, 151-152, 155, 157-159, and 165-167 of the Avalon Meadows Subdivision.

Copies of the applications are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours which are 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said requests. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 22, 2018
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-371 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 8, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

3. Petitioner

18-372 3A. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Webb** to grant approval to Mark and Kathleen Phillips, aka Cozy Chair Productions, for a road closure on Goddard Road between Sterling and Shook Roads on Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018 from 12 noon until 3:00 p.m. for a music video shoot. The Shook and Goddard Road and the Sterling and Goddard Road intersections cannot be blocked. Upon Council approval, the applicants shall provide event insurance to the City Clerk's Office. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-373 3B. Moved by **Webb** seconded by **Roscoe** to grant a ten (10) year tax abatement to ACTIA Electronics, Inc. on a $14,700,000 investment for real and personal property at their existing facility at 15385 Pine, Romulus. (CEO of ACTIA, Adam Ramouni, attended the Council meeting). **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-374 3C. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe,** to grant an eight (8) year tax abatement to Kerr Corp. on an $8,774,500 investment for real and personal property improvements at their existing facility at 28200 Wick Road, Romulus. (VP of Operations, Robert Wojdelko, of Kerr Corp. attended the Council meeting). **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried**.

4. Chairperson's Report

18-375 4A. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family ofCharles P. Woolridge. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

5. Mayor's Report

Mayor Burcroff informed that a tree in the cemetery that was uprooted from a recent storm will be removed this week. Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.

18-376 5A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize the DPW to dispose of the listed vehicles to Martin Towing, with a disposal fee of $50.00 per vehicle with all other proceeds deposited into the motor vehicle fund. (see below):

EQUIPMENT	VIN/SN	RESERVE
Camera Trailer	5MBBE14244E000933	$5,000.00
Blue Pump	951842	$250.00
John Deere Generator	449593T	$250.00
John Deere Backhoe	T0410DG823268	$10,000.00
6,000 LB Mohawk Lift	90101651	
2004 Chevy Tahoe	1GNEK13Z64J218409	

Motion Carried Unanimously.

18-377 5B. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the adjustment to the Purchase Order amount to reflect an additional $9,192.68 for a total cost of $54,402.18 due to additional unforeseen necessary repairs for the Vactor #120. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-378 5C. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and authorize payment to the Conference of Western Wayne in the amount of $5,190.00 for membership dues for the CWW 2018-2019 fiscal year membership. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-379 5D. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-15 to cover the cost of repairs to Fire Engine #331.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Motor Vehicle Fund				
Expense				
661-258-931.100	Equip. Maintenance-Outsource	55,000	16,000	71,000
Fund Balance				
661-000-395.000	Retained Earnings	1,330,367	(16,000)	1,314,367

To cover the cost of repairs to Fire Engine #331. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

6A. Clerk's Report

City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg thanked everyone for their support and said she and her husband, Stan, are glad to be back home.

18-380 6A1. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to approve first reading of Restated Chapter 39 of the City of Romulus Purchasing Ordinance. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried**.

6B. Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, gave a reminder about the tax payment kiosk at the RAC Center.

7. Public Comment

A City retiree commented about the payment on the City Warrant for retiree insurance.

8. Unfinished Business

Mayor Burcroff informed that the City Warrant is public information.

9. New Business

10. Communication

Councilwoman Talley spoke about recent City events. Clerk Bragg gave a reminder about the drop box for absentee ballots.

18-381 11. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to pay Warrant 18-20 in the amount of $5,337,716.71. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 22, 2018.

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Northville - Plymouth

Township voters OK public safety millage

Voters in Plymouth Township approved a 1.2 millage for the next 16 years to fund the public safety department.

The millage was placed on the Nov. 6 ballot at the urging of Township Treasurer Mark Clinton who told members of the board of trustees early this year that during the recession, property tax revenue in the township fell by about 20 percent, and that the millage was the bare minimum amount necessary to keep the township "going in the right direction."

Voters agreed and cast 9,073 votes in favor of the millage and 6,914 against the question. The approval will generate about $2.1 million for the first year allowing for the replacement of antiquated equipment and vehicles in the fire department and increased staffing in the police department, bringing the force up to the levels recommended as adequate by the International Association of Chief of Police.

Police Chief Tom Tiderington said he was very pleased with the results of the election.

"It's a good thing for the community. After many years of kicking the can down the road, the new board has finally stepped-up and insured the safety of the community-for now and for years to come," Tiderington said.

The township currently has only 29 officers, 20-20 fewer than the recommended staffing of 50-officers recommended by public safety experts for the township population.

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The millage, which will cost taxpayers about $1.20 for every $1,000 of taxable value of their property, usually about half the market value, will also allow the township to address retirement obligations.

Plymouth Township Fire Chief Dan Phillips said he was gratified that voters approved the millage.

"I had a good feeling it would pass. I've always felt like, we have a job to do and we are going to do it whether or not the millage passes. Speaking for the entire department, obviously we're very happy. We are going to look at all of our options now. Even the negative campaigning didn't do much (harm) in the end," Phillips said.

Phillips is hoping to replace a 13-year-old ambulance and investigate the possibility of a tower truck which would allow firefighters to reach upper floors of buildings which they do not have. Current fire trucks are 30-years-old.

Township Supervisor Kurt Heise said he was grateful for the faith and confidence of the voters.

"I want to personally thank the voters of Plymouth Township for their outstanding support of our Public Safety Millage. It passed by a vote of 9073 to 6914; a 57-43 margin. Thanks for your confidence and trust; we're working to earn it every day," he said immediately after the election.

(Staff Writer Don Howard contributed to this story.)

Foundation Holiday Home Tour next week

Tickets are now on sale for the 2018 Northville Holiday Home Tour, presented by the Northville Community Foundation.

This year, the Holiday Home Tour will take place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 16 and 17.

Visitors at the Holiday Home Tour can enjoy touring five beautiful, privately- owned Northville homes that have been decorated top to bottom for the holidays. The style of each home is different and there truly is something for every taste, organizers said. With homes ranging from a 10,000 square foot log cabin to a 160-year-old Victorian home, this year the tour offers some early decorating inspiration. One outstanding home has a two-story rock fireplace, natural slate floors and a gourmet kitchen. Another is a 1929 English Tudor revival with stained glass windows and original chandeliers. These homes are gorgeous on their own but add holiday décor they become even more stunning, a spokesman said.

The 2018 Holiday Home Tour will also feature a refreshment stop at the Tipping Point Theatre in downtown Northville. Guests can enjoy light refreshments and also enter to win two tickets to a future Tipping Point Theatre production.

Tickets for the 2018 Holiday Home Tour are $25 in advance and $30 the day of the event. To purchase tickets in advance, visit Pear-Aphernalia, Gardenviews, Haven of Northville, or the Northville Chamber of Commerce. Tickets may also be purchased online by visiting www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org or by phone by calling (248)374-0200. Tickets are limited and the tour does sell out nearly every year.

Proceeds from the Holiday Home Tour help fund the work of the Northville Community Foundation in the community. The Northville Community Foundation operates Maybury Farm, a working farm with a mission to connect the community to animals and agriculture through hands-on experiences that are both engaging and educational. The foundation also annually awards scholarships to local students and grants to nonprofit organizations serving Northville and the surrounding communities.

Voters pave way for Northville street bond

Nearly 75 percent of the registered voters in Northville cast ballots last week in the Nov. 6 election.

The street bond was approved by 2,473 yes votes with 1,102 voting against the question. Official reports indicated that a total of 3,742 voters cast a ballot.

Following the voters approval, the bond will be issued and engineering plans will be prepared for the 2019 construction season. Bond funds will be used to bring most street conditions up to "good" before they deteriorate to a condition that requires costly reconstruction, according to officials.

The estimated millage to be levied beginning in 2019 will be 0.9787 mills or 98 cents per $1,000 of taxable value, usually half the market value of a home. That money will be used for the issuance of a $3,050,000 Street Improvement Bond, paid over 10 years, The cost of issuing the bonds will be $50,000.

The average residential taxpayer in the City of Northville has a taxable value of $139,943, which amounts to an increase of $137 on the 2019 city tax bill, according to city officials. That increase will continue for a total of 10 years.

The bond funds will be combined with the existing street millage in the city and $1,050,000 from reserve funds to finance an infusion of $6.25 million into street repairs and replacement during the next four years. After spending these initial funds, the city will continue to use the existing street millage, currently set at 1.68 mills, which generates about $550,000 annually, to repair and maintain the improved street system.

Narcan

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Northville Township Public Safety Department to ensure an absolute commitment to the preservation of life, officials said, proven by the use of the drug last week. Narcan can also be used in cases of a police department employee who may come in accidental contact with a drug like Fentanyl, which is hundreds of times more potent than heroin.

Narcan is the newest addition to efforts already in place at the Northville Township

Police Department, officials said in a prepared statement. For the past several years the police department has partnered with the Drug Enforcement Administration for the National Take Back Day as a point to drop off unwanted, unused and expired medications. Additionally there is a drop box in the police department lobby for medications that is acceptable by the public 24 hours a day.

The United States is experiencing an opioid overdose epidemic, according to national health statistics. Northville Township public safety employees responded to six overdose incidents in 2018, according to official reports while no fatal overdoses have occurred this year.

In addition to the overdoses, there have been 12 other incidents involving heroin or opioids, records indicate. Opioids are central nervous system depressants, and include drugs such as heroin, hydrocodone, oxycodone, and fentanyl (synthetic heroin).

Civic Concern seeking help

Northville Civic Concern is looking for help in filling empty shelves.

The organization is in need of all food, an organizer said, but especially cereal, canned fruit, soup, instant potatoes (mashed or casserole type), pasta side dishes (Rice or Noodle Roni), canned tuna and canned chicken. Donations of canned and boxed foods will be accepted at the office of Northville Civic Concern in the Highland Lakes Shopping Center at 43275 West Seven Mile Road from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. any Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Donations will be accepted at Cassel's Restaurant or Worldwide Alterations both located in the Highland Lakes Shopping Center on other days. Donations are also accepted at Genitti's Restaurant, and Great Harvest Bread Company in downtown Northville. Northville City Hall and the Northville Library will accept donations as well. For more information, call (248)344-1033 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.

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property from the Plymouth-Canton Community School District and then donated the school to the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan. The school district had plans to place 63 single-family homes on the acreage based on zoning approval from the City of Plymouth. Malcolm is meeting with the foundation board members this week, Soenen said, in an effort to devise a plan for the future.

"Everything is in flux right now," Soenen said.

(Staff Writer Don Howard contributed to this story.)

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Veteran's

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year. They deal with me only. Last year, we got 100 coats."

The volunteers also appreciate good-quality Red Wing boots and shoes for men. They can't store or use women's clothing, and serve a few women veterans. Toys are collected in smaller quantity at Christmas only.

Of volunteering, Pavlik said, "There's no amount of time that's too little. That's fine by us, they want to throw a couple hours at it here and there. We'll welcome them with open arms."

Added Berna, "That's how we keep going."

They appreciate children's artwork and thank you letters, some of which cover Veteran's Haven inside walls. The volunteers give plaques to recognize that, and get photos of young people in return for their records.

Pavlik served in the U.S. Air Force from 1983-1993, both in Italy and stateside in Nevada. His father was a World War II U.S. Marine.

"He used to have nightmares," recalled Pavlik. Vince Berna returned to Judy in 1970, the year they married. She found at that time some veterans groups didn't welcome Vietnam service personnel, although she's found the Veterans of Foreign Wars more welcoming now.

The VFW Post on Mill Street in Plymouth, shared by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528, worked on pricing for Veteran's Haven's 25th anniversary party.

Judy Berna's brother was career Navy, and liked that, while her father was in the Navy in Korea. Iscaro's from the Marine Corps, including 1983 Grenada.

She noted, "After 9/11, everyone wanted to go back even my poor father who wad dying of cancer."

The three would like to see more recognition of service personnel and veterans, rather than simply holding parties on the Fourth of July and Memorial Day, Iscaro said.

"The services are stretched real thin right now," said Pavlik. "I think a lot of people don't realize."

He noted a collision of Navy ships in the Orient, which Pavlik attributes to 12- to 16-hour days and inadequate military training.

"They are overworked and they serve multiple tours," Berna said, echoing Iscaro.

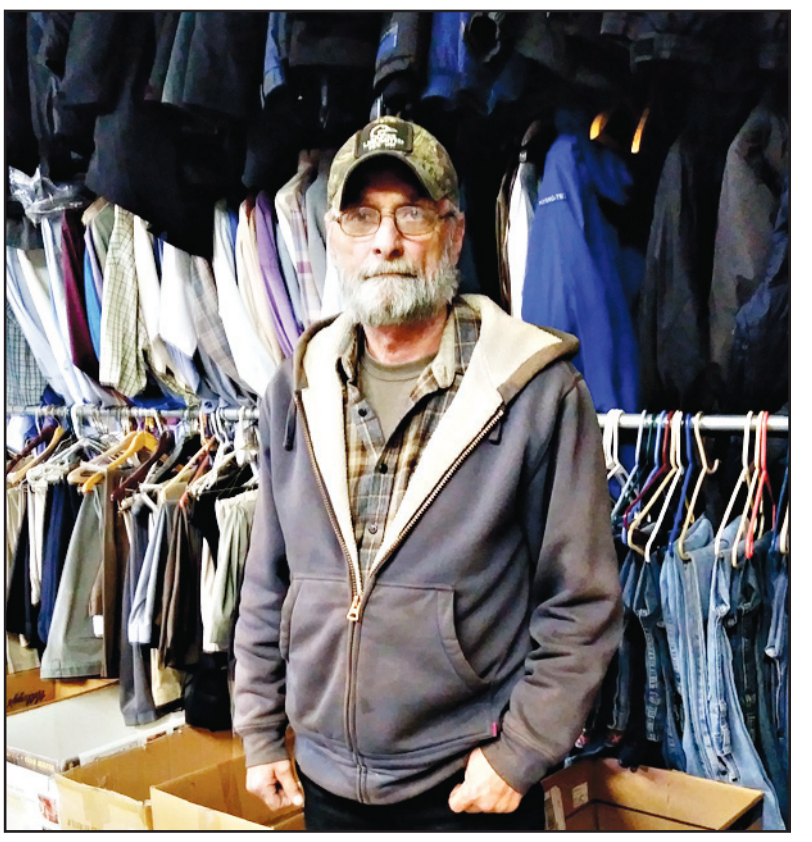
Earlier on, Veteran's Haven was housed in a business garage, then the Tinkham Center of the Wayne-Westland Schools. Berna said drop-in talk time during their weekday morning hours is fine, adding, "But if they're homeless, they'll be coming in to get warm."

She regrets a grant loss a few years ago that cost them a larger home that could accommodate some 10 veterans. Pavlik, Berna and Iscaro agree there's less media and public attention now on servicemen and women, and veterans.

Pavlik described men fighting Taliban gunfire with only sandbags and plywood. "You take your hat off to those guys," he said, adding of those returning home, "There's no common ground to talk about things."

Berna recalled Vietnam veterans coming home to insults. "They were just getting blown to pieces, but they weren't in a war," she said of some viewpoints.

Pavlik said their clients especially appreciate food: "They'll wait in the cold, not make a stink."



Veteran Mark Iscaro shows men's clothing in the Veteran's Haven warehouse.

Cars aren't taken now by Veteran's Haven, but can be donated to Charity Motors, with Veteran's Haven getting a percentage with that designation. The volunteers also appreciate auxiliary groups and others, including young people from Ypsilanti who gave compression socks and wool socks.

"You'd never think a group of kids would run with it," Pavlik said of that idea.

Small Business Saturday to be marked in Wayne

This holiday season, Wayne Main Street and the Wayne Downtown Development Authority officials are reminding shoppers to think Wayne and shop local. These two organizations are spearheading the downtown Wayne Small Business Saturday initiative, which will take place on Saturday, Nov. 24.

The day will begin with an event at Karma Coffee & Kitchen, 35634 W. Michigan Ave., from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Participants will be able to pick up a free Shop Small tote and other Small Business Saturday gifts. Organizers will also be giving away $1,000 in gift cards to local businesses that attendees will have the chance to win. The event is free to attend and the first 100 people to register will receive a free small coffee from Karma Coffee.

For many retailers in Wayne, Small Business Saturday has a significant impact on the bottom line of many retailers in Wayne.

"Shopping in downtown Wayne is a great way to get amazing gifts for your friends and family, while supporting local Wayne businesses and establishments.," commented Lori Gouin, economic director in Wayne.

Following the kick off event, participants are invited to visit the more than 20 participating stores in downtown Wayne. Designer Wearhouse, Leo's Jewelry, Helium Studio, Northside Hardware, and Puffer Reds, and many others are among the Wayne businesses participating in the event. More information, including a link to register for the kick off event, can be found at downtownwayne.org/smallbizsaturday.

Wayne Main Street has also partnered with the State Wayne Theater at 35310 West Michigan Ave., to bring a special visitor to Wayne.

Children younger than 12 will have a chance to visit with Santa, including a free photo, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the State Wayne Theater during Small Business Saturday.

Started in 2010, by American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Small Business Saturday is a nationwide shopping event aimed at supporting small businesses and traditional downtown retail districts such as downtown Wayne by encouraging people to shop local. Small Business Saturday complements some of the other shopping events that take place throughout the holiday season, including Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

Holiday help

The Westland Community Foundation is collecting toys for the Salvation Army effort to help local families during the holiday season. Boxes have been placed at several locations to accept donations. The boxes will be picked up and taken to the Salvation Army on Dec. 7. Donation boxes are now located at: Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185; Dix Animal Hospital, 1127 Dix Highway, Lincoln Park, MI 48146; Fantastic Sam's, 141 Wayne Road, Westland, MI 48185; Westland Lock and Key 35665 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185 and the office of the Westland Community Foundation, 38110 Executive Dr., Westland, MI 48185.

Prize effort

Legends Holiday Raffle tickets are now available in Inkster

The holiday season is approaching quickly, and Inkster Legends Founder and Director Fred Smiley and his volunteers are concentrating their efforts on their annual Christmas project to help local families.

Each year, the Inkster Legends provides gifts and food for 100 families in need in Inkster. The group has been providing the help for families for seven years and volunteers are continuing the sale of raffle tickets for the drawing that supports the help for Inkster families.

Each raffle ticket is priced at $10 and offers a chance to win one of three grand prizes; an autographed basketball from the Harlem Globetrotters along with four tickets to a game or four tickets to the Detroit Pistons game against the Toronto Raptors on March 17 or four tickets to the Universoul Circus in Detroit.

First prize this year is a weekend stay at the Sheraton Hotel including breakfast. Other prizes include four tickets to the Henry Ford Museum; a Birthday Party Blast for 13 at the Romulus Athletic Center; a weekend stay at the Marriott Hotel; two racks of lamb from Fairway Meats; two tickets to a Music Hall performance; two ReNue teeth whitening packages at Cherryhill Dental; dinner for two at along with other prizes from Texas Roadhouse; dinner for two at Urban Soul; dinner for two at Famous Ford Garage; dinner for two at They Say and dinner for two at Red Lobster.

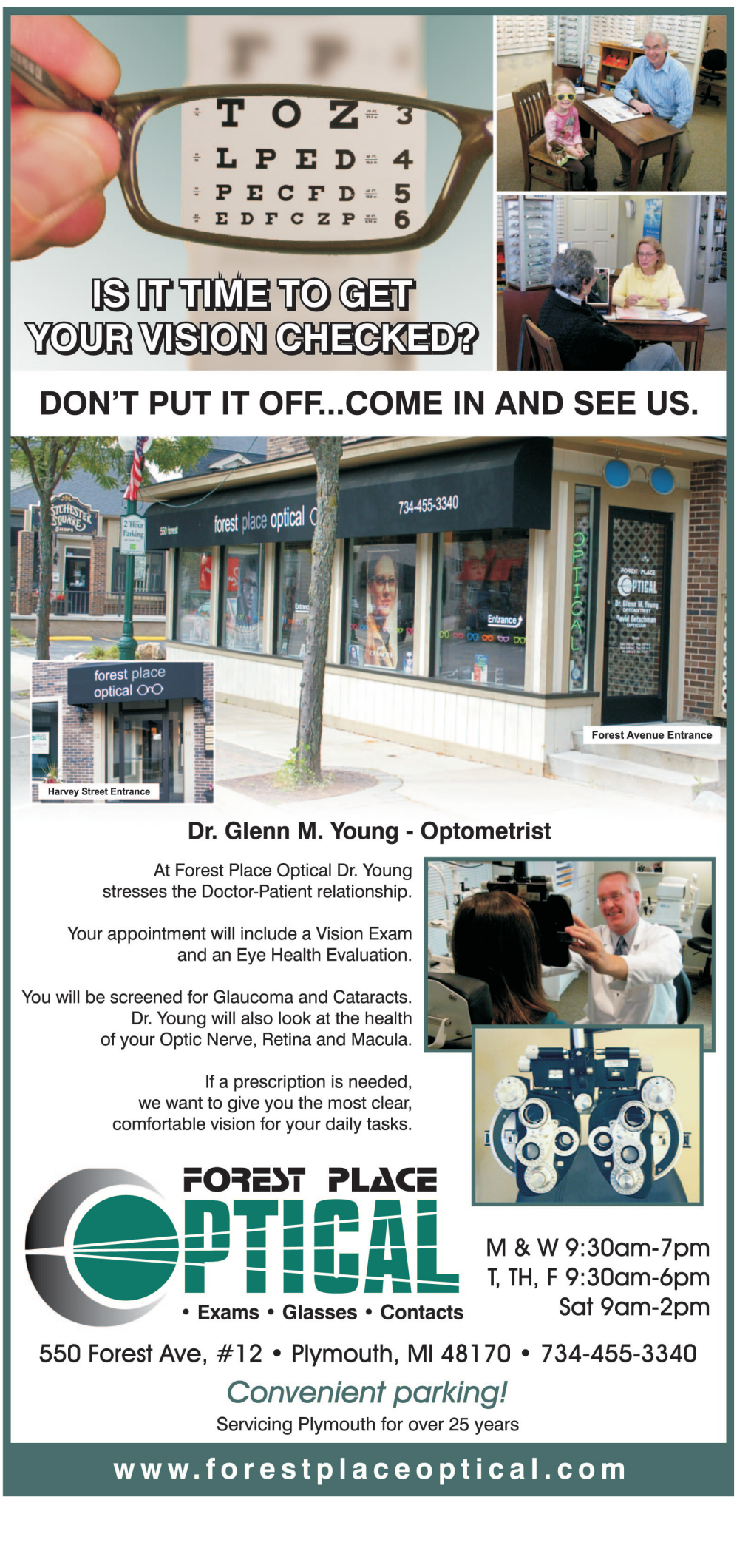
Smiley said there will be a bonus drawing this year for a Sunday soul food dinner for two at the Stardust Lounge.

The drawing will take place at the Sheraton Hotel at 6 p.m. Dec. 18, Smiley said, and winners do not have to be present to claim their prizes.

Smiley stressed that this raffle is the main fundraiser for the Christmas Giveaway which helps local families.

"We couldn't do it without all those who donate the prizes," he said, "we're very thankful for all the support for all these years."

To purchase tickets for the raffle, call Smiley at (734) 890-2478, Daniel Orr at (313)715-6700 or Larry Spencer at (313)520-8144.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Calendar of events

City hall exhibits artwork

Members of the Three Cities Art Club will exhibit art at the Westland Gallery at City Hall through Nov. 29. The Gallery is located in the west wing, to the left when entering Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road. The gallery is open during regular city hall office hours.

The exhibition will include original works done in watercolor, oil, acrylic, pencil, charcoal, pastel, airbrush, and photography. This is a free event and everyone is welcome. Purchase original art starting at $75. For further information, contact Marilyn Meredith at (313) 231-3939 or email marilynmeredith@wowway.com.

Cash For College Raffle under way

The Northville Educational Foundation will host the drawing for $25,000 cash to use toward future tuition, current tuition or payment of student loans tomorrow, Nov. 16.

Tickets for the raffle are now on sale at supportNEF.org and are prices at $50 each or three for $100. There will be a maximum of 1,500 tickets sold. If tickets sales total less than $50,000, the prize will revert to a 50-50 drawing.

The announcement of the winner will be made during the annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony in downtown Northville.

Santa mailbox at Summit

Canton Leisure Services has made special arrangements with the U.S. Post Office to deliver children's wish lists to Santa.

To mail a letter to Santa, drop it in the North Pole Express Mailbox in the Summit on the Park lobby through Nov. 30. Santa asks that children print their name and address clearly so he may reply to each letter.

Each household will receive a return letter and Santa will take care of the postage.

Canton residents only please.

For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

Help for seniors available

CUP the Community Up Project will provide services for the elderly and disables residents of Inkster at no cost.

Available services include snow removal, trash removal, lawn care, minor repairs, errands, building and repair of handicap accessories.

For more information, contact Queen Paris Jones, (313) 778-0931.

All Star Band Showcase performs

Lorio Ross will bring the world of comedy-magic and music to the main stage at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill beginning at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 16 when the Detroit All-Star Band Showcase 2018 performs.

Direct from Las Vegas, world-renowned comedy-magician, Jeff Hobson, one of the most in-demand comedy magicians working today, will perform. Hobson will be featured along with the legendary Jerry Ross Band. This band has been a part of the best parties in Metro Detroit for more than two decades. In addition, the acclaimed Newsmaker Band will also perform and is known as a hard-hitting dance band. Then, the hottest up-and-coming band in Detroit, Atomic Radio, and their pop and rock show will perform.

Tickets for the event are $15. Purchase tickets online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5300. Tickets can also be purchased at The Village Theater Box Office one hour prior to show time.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Family Volunteer Day planned

The Plymouth Family YMCA will host a Family Volunteer Day from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at the downtown Plymouth location, 248 Union St., next to the Plymouth District Library.

Volunteers will make cards and care packages for homeless people. Those of all ages are welcome to participate. Packages will be donated to the Samaritas Family Center in Westland.

Registration and information is available online at https://bit.ly/2CxQkbl or by phone at (734) 453-2904.

The Plymouth YMCA is also asking for donations by Friday, Nov. 16, at the downtown Plymouth building of: hats, gloves, scarves, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lip balm, tissue packet pockets, and children's books. Call the number above for more information.

Coffee with a Cop planned

Starbucks in downtown Plymouth will host a Coffee with a Cop event from 12:30 until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 21.

The event is open to the public and Police Ofc. Tony Angelosanto will be available for questions and tips on safety.

Starbucks is located at 803 West Ann Arbor Trail.

Comedy and music offered

The Ron Kischuk Quartet will perform at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 on Tuesday, Nov. 27.

Comedic Ron Kischuk will play trombone and do vocals. Joining him will be Jeff Halsey on bass, Gary Schunk on keyboard and Dave Taylor on drums.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

State of the City address set

Westland Mayor William R. Wild will present the Annual State of the City Address at 6 p.m. Nov. 27 at Westland City Hall, located at 36300 Warren Road.

This year, the State of the City meeting will be a town hall style event, where Wild and members of the city administration will share information on all the progress the city has made this past year as well as an outlook for 2019.

The event is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

Philharmonic presents In a Winter Garden

The Michigan Philharmonic, the Madonna University Chorale, Counsellors Chorale, and Main Street Opera Theatre Chorus will perform Libby Larsen's In a Winter Garden. This concert brings together orchestra, chorus and soloists sharing a musical reflection on Advent and all its various moods and themes. Adding to this reflective concert are Pie Jesu by Lili Boulanger, A Vaughan Williams Christmas and Fantasia on Greensleeves by Ralph Vaughan Williams and Christmas Concerto by Arcangelo Corelli.

The performance will take place at 8 p.m. Friday Nov. 30 at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 North Territorial Road in Plymouth.

There is a pre-concert talk set for 7:15 p.m.

Tickets are available on-line at http://www.michiganphil.org or by calling (734) 451-2112.

Breakfast with Santa returns

Summit on the Park will host Breakfast with Santa, from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1.

During the breakfast, children can share their wish list with Santa, create a winter craft, and enjoy a Christmas story time. All children will receive a holiday souvenir, crayons, and placemat. Parents are encouraged to bring cameras.

Tickets are on sale now through Nov. 29. Ticket prices for ages 3 and younger are $4.75 for Canton residents and $5.75 for non-residents; 4-12-year-olds tickets are priced at $15.75 for residents and $18.75 for non-residents; ages 13 and older are priced at $19.75 for residents and $23.75 for non-residents. Seating is reserved by table location only on a first-come, first-serve basis

Online registration is not available. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Summit of the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, during normal business hours.

For additional information, call (734) 394-5460.

Christmas Tree Lighting set

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Winterfest parade will begin at 6 p.m. Dec. 1 at Belleville High School and travel to the downtown museum.

Following the parade, the annual city Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on the front lawn of the Belleville Area Museum, 405 Main St., Belleville.

For more information, call (734) 697-1944.

Canton to light holiday tree

The Canton Township official holiday tree lighting will take place from 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5.

The 'official' tree, will be lit by the Summit on the Park at 6:30 p.m. and special festivities will take place both indoors and outdoors. There will be seasonal entertainment, kids' crafts, activities, refreshments, and visits with Santa.

In the spirit of the season, Canton Leisure Services is offering the event free of charge to residents. For additional information, call (734) 394-5460.

Christmas in Plymouth celebrated

The Plymouth Downtown Development Authority will present Christmas in Plymouth from 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6 throughout the downtown area.

There will be holiday shopping sales, horse and carriage tours, live music and dance, live reindeer and elves, ice carving, bonfire stations, a mistletoe market and a community sing at 8:30 p.m.

Carriage tour tickets are presale only and will be available Nov. 30 at Sun and Snow, (734)927-0007, ext. 3.

Westland welcomes holiday season

The annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Westland will begin with the lighting of the holiday tree at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at city hall.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will officially light the Westland tree and enjoy some cocoa and cookies as they meet with all the children and families in attendance.

There will be events and activities for the whole family at the celebration. Westland City Hall is located at 36300 Warren Road.

Dixieland Band to perform

The West Side Ramblers will provide free entertainment playing Dixieland/Bluegrass Music on the first Thursday of the month from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Dec 6 at Burger Night at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325.

There will be a limited menu available from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The group comprises five veteran musicians - Morgan Humecky on vocals, lead guitar and banjo; Sherry Humecky on the hammered dulcimer; Brian Newsom on chord melody/rhythm banjo; Kim Dominick on electric bass and Bob Ervin, rhythm guitar and vocals.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email

Seniors celebrate holiday

Tickets are on sale now at the Friendship Center for the annual Senior Center Christmas Celebration set for Dec. 14 .

Christmas is by far the largest and most popular event of the year, organizers said and seniors can enjoy great food, a wonderful band, and a great time together to celebrate the season. Tickets are priced at $10 for members or $15 for resident non-members.

For more information on reserving a table or purchasing tickets, call (734) 722-7628.

Children's ornament workshops planned

The Belleville Area Museum will host the annual Children's Christmas Ornament Workshops and photos with Santa at noon, 1:15 and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8 and Saturday, Dec. 15.

Reservations are strongly encouraged are required for groups. For more information and reservations, call (734) 697-1944 or email kdallos@provide.net.

The museum is located at 405 Main St. in Belleville.

Circus celebrates New Years Eve

The Detroit Circuit will perform beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 31 at the Village Theater in Canton Township.

Talented performers will dazzle viewers of all ages with high flying aerial antics on fabric and trapeze, fire dancing and eating, stilt walking and acrobatics, contortion, juggling, feats of mind-bending strength and acro-balance, as well as a variety of circus sideshow acts.

Tickets to this special performance are $22 each. For more information, or tickets, call (734) 394-5300.

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